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Wednesday, the 29th May, 1935/15th Edavam, 1110.

The Council met in the Victoria Jubilee Town Hall at Eleven of the Clock with Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Habibullah Sahib Bahadur, K. C. S. I., K. C. I. E., Kt., LL. D., Dewan-President, in the Chair.

MEMBERS SWORN.

The following members took the oath and signed the Rolls :—

1. Mr. C. V. Chandrasekharan, M. A. (Oxon), F. R. H. S. (*Officiating Director of Public Instruction.*)
2. Mr. K. George, B. A., (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner.*)
3. Rao Bahadur N. Ramanuja Aiyangar, B. A. (*Commissioner of Police*).

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

President : I see Mr. John Kattakayam again figures. In view of what happened yesterday in regard to these questions, after seven of them have been answered and two were withdrawn, I would like to draw the attention of the member to Rule 56, paragraph 59 of the Council Manual. The rule is:—"The business of the Legislature shall be transacted in English, provided that the President may permit any member to address the Chamber in Malayalam or Tamil." It was in the exercise of that discretion that Mr. John Kattakayam was allowed to speak in Malayalam. It is not the intention of the Chair to keep any member in the dark with

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regard to what takes place in the House. As a special concession, I shall ask those Government members who answer the questions in English to give a brief summary in Malayalam for the information of the other members who do not know English. But in the case of European members they are exempted from this.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai (*Chirayinkil* cum *Nedumangad*) : Sir, what about the Indian members who do not know Malayalam ?

President : They are also exempted like the European members.

Defalcation in the Excise Co-operative Society.

29. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam** (*Muvatupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there was any defalcation from the Co-operative Society for the servants of the Excise Department ;

(*b*) the amount misappropriated and the remedial measures taken thereon ; and

(*c*) whether the culprits have been exemplarily punished, and if so, how ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The subject-matter of the interpellation is *sub-judice*.

(The answer was also given in Malayalam.)

Mr. E. P. Varghese (*Nominated*) : May I know the name of the person who was accused in the case ?

Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai : The subject matter of the interpellation is *sub-judice*, and as such the details cannot be given.

Lands under cardamom cultivation.

30. *** Mr. J. John Kattakayam** : Will the Government be pleased to state the area of lands under cardamom cultivation and the percentage that Travancoreans have in it ?

Mr. K. George : 49,246·20 acres. 7·04 per cent.

(The answer was also given in Malayalam.)

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : ഇനിയെങ്കിലും വിദേശികൾക്കു ഏലകൃഷിക്കു സ്ഥലം പതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കാതിരിക്കണമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ?

Mr. K. George : വിദേശികൾക്കു് സ്ഥലം പതിച്ചുകൊടുക്കാറില്ല.

Improvement of the Lalam-Todupuzha Road.

31. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) to how many feet there is an ascent or descent of one foot at Nellappara in the Lalam-Todupuzha road ;

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